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SUBJECT: FMS CASE UAS (DA TEAM VISIT)

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B. DA 061807Z MAY 77

C. KUWAIT 2362 DTG 021023Z MAY 77

- 1. REFTEL A AND B ADVISED DA/DARCOM TEAM IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 2 JUN 77 FOR DISCUSSIONS OF ACTIONS ON CASES UAS, UBG, AND UCD AND REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE PROVIDED.
- 2. DATES OF VISIT STATED REFTEL A ARE ACCEPTABLE. RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT HILTON. PLS ADVISE FLT/ARRIVAL TIME WHEN KNOWN.
- 3. FOLLOWING INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 4, REFTEL A IS PROVIDED: GOK REPS WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON UAS, UBG OR UCD PENDING ADEQUATE EXPLANATION/ACTIONS BY DA TEAM. FYI: UNCLASSIFIED

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GOK RECENTLY REFUSED TO PAY ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ON FMS CASE UAS AND UCD PENDING RESOLUTION OF QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY ASKED ON THESE CASES (REFTEL C). END FYI.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND RESOLVE PROBLEMS PRIMARILY CONCERNING FMS CASES UCD, UAS, AND UBG. SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS

FOLLOW:

A. FMS CASE UCD: KUWAIT ARMY LOG REPS ARE CURRENTLY SCREEING CSP'S FOR FMS CASE UCD. DUE TO SOME DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED IN SCREEING THE COMMERCIALLY PREPARED LISTINGS AND MANUALS, DO NOT EXPECT APPROVAL OF THE CSP'S PRIOR TO TEAM ARRIVAL. AS VIEWED LOCALLY, THE PRIMARY QUESTIONS WHICH REQUIRE RESOLUTION ARE: (1) WHY IT TOOK SO LONG TO PRODUCE THE CSP LISTINGS AND THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO SCREEN THE LISTINGS?

- (2) WHY THE CRANES WERE SHIPPED WITHOUT ANY REPAIR PARTS?
- (3) WHY WAS THE GOK NOT ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL CHARGES OR ARRANGMENTS WERE NECESSARY TO ASSEMBLE THE CRANES?
- (4) WHEN WILL THE REPAIR PARTS FOR THE CRANES BE AVAILABLE?
- (5) WHAT OPTIONS CAN DA PROVIDE TO SUPPORT THE CRANES PENDING ARRIVAL OF NECESSARY REPAIR PARTS?
- (6) WHEN WILL THE REMAINING ANCILLARY ITEMS BE SHPPED?
- (7) WHAT IS THE TOTAL PRICE OF THE CASE AND JUSTIFICATION/ OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR GOK ON ANY PRICE ESCALATION ABOVE THE ORIGINAL CASE COST (EXCEPT FOR ANCILLARY ITEMS GOK REQUESTED AFTER CASE SIGNATURE)?

B. FMS CASE UAS: BELIEVE THIS CASE SUFFICIENTLY DOCUMENTED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGE TRAFFIC TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC GOK QUESTIONS. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF CASE COST AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CSP AVAILABILITY, TEAM MAY EXPECT DISCUSSIONS OF HOW DA INTENDS TO WUPPORT EQUIPMENT DELIVERED W/O CSP'S UNTIL NECESSARY REPAIR PARTS PURCHASED ARE AVAILABLE IN-COUNTRY.

C. FMS CASE UBG: DUE TO THE ANIMOSITY CAUSED BY THE "UNFORE-SEEN" PRICE INCREASES ON FMS CASE UAS, CHUSLOK HAS CHOSEN NOT TO PRESENT AMT 1 TO CASE UBG UNTIL CONFIRMATION OF DA/DARCOM TEAM ARRIVAL. GOK REPS ARE EXPECTED TO REACT TO THE TOTAL "PRICE INCREASES" FOR THE ROAD ROLLERS IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO REACTION ON CASE UAS.

5. OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS AND EXPECT DISCUSSION:

A. VARIOUS EXAMPLES OF INCORRECT/INADEQUTE (PRIMARILY UBP AND UCB) CSP LISTINGS E.G. 126 SPARK PLUGS FOR 525 1/4 TON VEHICLES, ETC. THESE PROBLEMS SEEM LOCALLY TO STEM FROM ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOK OF CSP LISTINGS WHICH WERE NOT ADEQUATELY SCREENED BY EITHER THE U.S. OR THE GOK. GOK'S CONCERN IS NOT WHAT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED,

BUT HOW TO CORRECT ERRORS IN CURRENT STOCKAGE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER BEING FOUND. FYI: WITH MAJOR ITMES IN COUNTRY, EACH INSTANCE OF ERRONEOUS OR OMITTED ITEMS FOUND BECOMES A MINOR CRISIS. END FYI.

B. TIME FRAMES REQURIED FOR FINAL ACTION ON REPORTS OF ITEM DISCREPANCIES (ROID'S) TO EITHER RECEIVE CREDIT OR REPLACEMENT ITEMS.

C. ACTIONS WHICH CAN BE TAKEN TO EXPEDITE ITEMS DETERMINED TO BE CRITICAL (SEE 5A ABOVE).

6. GOK REPS WILL EXPECT AT LEAST A FEW OPTIONS
TO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM CONCERNING PRICE ESCALLATION ON
THESE CASES. ANTICIPATE THAT UNLESS DA/DARCOM TEAM CAN
OFFER AT LEAST SOME ALTERNATIVES OR LATITUDE TO THE GOK
PARTICULARLY ON PRICE INCREASES, WITH SOME RESPONSIVE
METHOD OF PROVIDING REPAIR PARTS SUPPORT IN THE NEAR
TIME FRAME, DISCUSSIONS MAY BECOME VERY NEGATIVE.
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7. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS DESIRED, PLS ADVISE. MAESTRONE

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